

means for maintaining a user attribute, that is adapted to retrieve program information, including said index for retrieving a program on the basis of the user attribute, at the receiver side.

21. (Twice amended) A system for processing program information comprising:
program information including an index for retrieving a program;
means for transmitting and/or receiving said program information;
means for determining whether said program information, including an index for retrieving a program, was not received at the receiver side, and
when said program information was not received at the receiver side, means, at the transmitter side, for retrieving said program information;
means, at the transmitter side, for automatically classifying said program information; and
means for transmitting the result to the receiver side.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patentability of the referenced application is solicited in view of the above amendments and the following comments. It is not believed that any extension of time is required in order to maintain the pendency of this application. However, if an extension is required, kindly consider this to be a petition therefore. It is not believed that any fee is due with the filing of this response. However, if there is a fee that is due, kindly charge the same to the undersigned attorneys' deposit account 07-1337.

In the outstanding action the examiner has indicated that claims 1-18 are allowed. Applicants thank the examiner for this notice.

In the outstanding action, the examiner has rejected the patentability of claim 19. Claim 19 has been canceled herein. Therefore, this ground of rejection has been obviated.

In the outstanding action, the examiner has indicated that claims 20-30 would be allowable if they were made independent or were made to depend from a claim that was not

rejected. Claims 20 and 21 have been amended herein to incorporate the substance of claim 19 therein. Thus, these claims should be in condition for allowance.

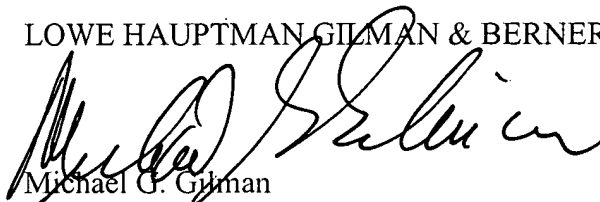
Claim 22 was and is dependent from claim 20, which is now an independent, allowable claim. Therefore, this claim too should be considered to be allowable.

Claims 23-30 already depend from claims that have been indicated to be allowable. Therefore, these claims too are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments, this application now contains only allowable or allowed claims. Therefore the above amendments should be entered and a Notice of Allowance should be issued. It is urged that the examiner reconsider his position and allow all of applicants' claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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